

the Louks

putting  
the gospel  
in  
action  
James 1:27



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### OUR NEW LIVES

As Athan is discovering the world, we are discovering how to be missionary parents. Please pray for wisdom as we adjust.

### MORE MEETINGS

The scheduling of additional meetings has slowed this year. Please pray that our schedule would fill up soon.

### ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Support is continuing to come in. Please pray that we will be at 100% by the end of the year.

### FUTURE TEAM MEMBERS

Please pray for our possible August survey trip with potential future team members. So far several have expressed interest in coming but nothing has been finalized.

### WISDOM FOR DIRECTION

We have been advised to focus more on raising support from individuals. We have been hesitant to pursue this route, but with support from churches coming in so slowly, we are starting to reconsider.

## PROGRESS REPORT

### SUPPORT

We are praising God that 37% of our needed support has already been promised. Ten percent of the total is coming from individuals and 27% is coming from churches.

## Learning New Lessons

*Matthew 18:4 "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."*

Dear Praying Friends,

For the past nine months, whenever someone would notice that we were expecting our firstborn, the same refrain would echo forth: "your life will never be the same after he comes."

We never knew quite how to respond to this oft repeated phrase. Laurel and I both watched our parents raise our younger siblings and thought we had a pretty good handle on what to expect. But as it turns out, watching and doing are two very different things.

Athan requires more time and effort than we could have possibly imagined. He is absolutely dependent on us for everything! Experimentally realizing how much children need their parents has made the

Romanian abandonment situation even more reprehensible to us than before—something we hadn't previously imagined possible.

Additionally, the birth of our son has given us a fuller understanding of Jesus' willing humility to come as a helpless baby, and the enormity our Heavenly Father's sacrifice of His only Son for our sins.

Thank you for praying both for the birth of our son and for the ministry in Romania. We look forward to sharing with you how God continues to work.

Your fellow servants,

*Joshua & Laurel*

Joshua and Laurel Louk



Athan in his favorite spot



A moment later, a new shirt was needed.



Athan in a less needy moment

